

COMPREHENSIVE DRUG PREVENTION POLICY

The possession and use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful, and illegal except when used as directed (prescription drugs) by a physician. Students are prohibited from using, selling, attempting to sell, possessing, distributing, delivering, transferring, concealing, or being under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs or materials/substances represented to be a narcotic drug, depressant, or controlled substance (including tobacco and alcohol), or chemical substances which affect psychological functions or affect the educational system of the school. Students shall not engage in alcohol and/or drug use/abuse nor possess paraphernalia specific to the use of alcohol and/or other drugs.

This policy is in effect on premises owned, leased, or maintained by the school district, at all school-related activities on and off campus, on vehicles used to transport students to and from school or to other activities, and in vehicles parked on school property. Student and parent members of the school community are expected to know and understand the policy provisions and its mandatory nature. A copy of the policy will be provided to all students and parents. Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all students.

In accordance with Federal Drug Free Schools and Campuses legislation (Section 5145 of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act), the board authorizes the use of programs aimed at facilitating awareness, prevention, and intervention regarding the use/misuse of alcohol and other drugs. The comprehensive drug prevention and education program in place includes age-appropriate, developmentally based drug and alcohol education programs which address the legal, social, and health consequences of drug and alcohol use and which provide information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs or alcohol for students in grades K-12. Programs may vary in scope according to individual needs of each school with the following provisions:

1. The primary responsibility for helping students seriously involved with alcohol and other drugs lies with the students and their parents. The district will recommend that students with alcohol and other drug abuse problems seek professional assessment from a trained chemical dependency counselor or a licensed physician trained in chemical dependency.

The administration will provide a list of agencies/professionals who can do the assessment and provide treatment. Fees for this assessment and treatment are the responsibility of the student and family.

2. The board authorizes district efforts to provide a supportive school environment for students harmed by alcohol and other drugs.
3. School chemical abuse prevention programs should provide:
 - a. Group experiences
 - b. Individual counseling
 - c. Such other services as are judged to be necessary by school personnel and other involved agencies
 - d. Programs for persons who desire more information

Students who violate this prohibition will be subject to disciplinary sanctions as provided in the discipline plans of the administrative units, up to and including suspension and/or expulsion. Students who violate this prohibition also may be referred to appropriate legal authorities for prosecution.

An annual review of the district's program will be made in order to determine the program's effectiveness and implement changes if needed, and to ensure that disciplinary sanctions are consistently enforced.